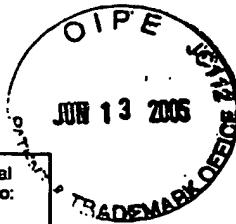


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### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is submitted with an Appeal Brief and in response to an official action dated January 12, 2005 (the Action) in the above-identified application. This paper is filed after Notice of Appeal, but before jurisdiction of the application has passed to the Board. This amendment places several of the pending claims in better form for appeal and removes issues from appeal. Entry and consideration of this paper and the claim amendments are respectfully solicited.

A Listing of the Claims begins at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks in support of the claim amendments begin at page 6 of this paper.